REMARKS

Applicant submits amended claims 8, 14 and 19 to more clearly define embodiments of the invention. As amended, these claims require that the compressible insert be made of an open cell foam. Support for this amendment is provided on page 4, third paragraph, 7th sentence of the present application that states that "insert 32 may be an open cell, solid foam...." Further, these claims are amended to require that the seal that joins the sheet or sheets of the envelope be unbroken, by, for example, valves, apertures and the like. Support for this amendment is provided on page 4, third paragraph through page 5, fourth paragraph of the present application that states that the envelope is impermeable to air and that the envelope may be formed from sheets or a sheet that are sealed at the edges. Fig. 1 and figs 3-5 clearly show an unbroken seal between sheet edges.

Consideration of all claims and a notice of allowance are therefore requested. If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge deposit account number 19-4972. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if any matters remain outstanding so that they may be resolved expeditiously.

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